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Background

The United States’ new maritime strategy, titled *A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower* has made cooperation a key element in the future of U.S. Navy operations. The new strategy looks at cooperation at two levels—cooperation at home and cooperation abroad. Cooperation at home included the fact that this new strategy was signed by the leaders of the US’s three primary maritime forces—Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Cooperation abroad is seen in the concept of the global maritime partnership that calls for the formation of an informal network of maritime forces dedicated to maintaining the safety and security of the world’s oceans and sea lanes.

The present-day concept of a global maritime partnership can be traced back to Admiral Michael Mullen’s tenure as U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations. His original concept of “The 1000-Ship Navy”—a global navy composed of 1000 or more ships working cooperatively—evolved into the Global Maritime Partnership. Admiral Mullen introduced the concept at the 2005 International Seapower Symposium in Newport, Rhode Island, stating:

“As we combine our advantages, I envision a thousand-ship navy—a fleet-in-being, if you will—made up of the best capabilities of all freedom-loving navies of the world... This thousand-ship navy would integrate the capabilities of the maritime services to create a fully interoperable force, an international city at sea.”¹

Subsequent to this initial unveiling of the concept, U.S. Navy representatives, including the CNO himself, extolled the virtues of a global maritime partnership at national and international security conferences and articles about the global maritime partnership began to appear in national and international professional journals.² Concurrently, other nations and navies embraced this concept along with the general recognition that globalization required a concerted team effort to police the maritime commons and that no single nation could do it alone.

The U.S. Navy’s new maritime strategy that was unveiled at the 2007 International Seapower Symposium (ISS) in Newport, Rhode Island notes, “No one nation has the resources required to provide safety and security throughout the entire maritime domain.”³ These words aptly summarize the core intent of the U.S. Navy’s *A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower*—to encourage and sustain a global maritime partnership of the world’s navies to maintain the freedom and security of the seas. The new maritime strategy’s unveiling in front of an audience of over 100 representatives of international navies and coast guards emphasized the theme of international cooperation on the high seas.⁴

Subsequent to the publication of *A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower*, U.S. Navy officials pointed out that the U.S. Navy does not intend to lead this global maritime partnership but will be a willing partner with other nations and navies—especially regional navies—operating on the global commons to defeat international terrorism.⁵ As Admiral Roughead noted at the 2007 ISS, “The key to all of this is trust. We believe that trust is something that cannot be surged. Trust is something that must be built over time.”⁶

With the international groundswell the United States created in promoting the value of a global maritime partnership, expectations are high that the U.S. Navy will be an important contributor to this effort and U.S. Navy ships will be able to operate effectively with likely coalition partner navies on the global commons. This expectation has also created the assumption that the U.S. Navy will be able to network effectively with navies that have disparate—often widely disparate—C4ISR capabilities.

But the technical challenges to networking navies at sea are not trivial, and absent significant technical work by all navies involved to fashion compatible C4ISR systems—with the U.S. Navy a major contributing partner—the dream of a global maritime partnership will never be achieved. The ideas of “networking at sea” and “global maritime partnerships” are not new. Understanding some of the history—and

challenges—that navies have dealt with in the past can help provide a road ahead for a truly networked global maritime partnership.

Perspective: Coalitions, Networking, and Technology

Some believe that networking—especially at sea—was a brand new concept first introduced by the late Vice Admiral Arthur Cebrowski and John Gartska in the January 1998 *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings*.⁷ Similarly, some also believe the concept of a global maritime partnership was unknown until it was unveiled by Admiral Mullen and subsequently featured in the November 2005 *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings* in an article by Vice Admiral John Morgan and Rear Admiral Charles Martoglio.⁸ Nothing could be further from the truth and understanding this rich history is instrumental in coming to grips with some of the challenges of a 21st Century global maritime partnership.

Coalition Naval Operations

Maritime coalitions have existed for two and one-half millennia and navies have communicated at sea for at least that long. As far back as the Greco-Persian War (499 B.C. – 449 B.C.) naval coalitions have come together—often on a short-notice, ad hoc basis—in the same way that the U.S. Navy envisions today’s global maritime partnership operating.⁹ Two millennia ago—and even through the 16th Century, these naval coalitions communicated in fairly rudimentary ways—from shouts of command from ship-to-ship to the lighting of signal fires on board to signal the start of action.¹⁰

Maritime coalitions changed over time and technology often aided navies seeking to operate together. The invention of the telescope and binoculars in the early 1600s facilitated the ability of ships to communicate with each other at a greater distance.¹¹ The primary means of communications were signal flags that were used to convey simple instructions and warnings to the fleet. In addition to signal flags, cannon fire, lanterns, and messages sent by small boats between ships were also used to communicate commands or information.¹² While “signal books” were proprietary to each navy, those navies could usually arrive at agreed-to principals to communicate.¹³

The end of the 19th Century ships saw the beginning of more complex naval maneuvers as technological breakthroughs such as the application of the steam engine, the iron hull, and electronic communications to naval warfare enabled armadas of ships to literally circle the globe.¹⁴ In the days before the advent of electronic communications, naval communications between ship and shore and between ships typically took weeks or months.

“...the United States Navy’s Pacific Squadron had to communicate with the Navy Department in Washington by dispatch vessel sailing round Cape Horn...Consequently in 1846 they did not know of an outbreak of

war with Mexico until an officer traveling overland managed to get a message through privately.”¹⁵

The speed-up of communications due to the electronic telegraph allowed naval commanders to keep better track of their forces and ongoing events around the world.¹⁶ With fleets able to operate further way from their commands and commanders able to keep informed through new communication technologies powered by electricity, the need to communicate at sea—something navies that partnered together could do somewhat effectively—morphed into the need to *network* at sea. This presented navies with new challenges as the technological bar was raised.

Networking at Sea

Networking at sea—the ability of naval commanders to have a cooperatively-created tactical picture—had long been the dream of naval commanders who wanted to be able to see what was over the horizon.¹⁷ The dawn of the 20th Century saw the evolution of technologies that held the potential to at least begin some rudimentary networking at sea.

In 1904, Britain’s First Sea Lord, Admiral John Fisher, took advantage of the new technology and developed what Dr. Norman Friedman has dubbed “picture-based” warfare.¹⁸ Admiral Fisher used the information gleaned from shipping reports and reports from his own fleets to build a tactical picture of where pirates were attacking British merchant ships. Information from these sources was fed into two different war rooms—the first war room tracked ship movements around the world while the second war room tracked ship movements in the North Sea. Armed with this “picture-based” view of the world, Admiral Fisher was able to direct warships to the spots where pirates were attacking British ships.

As technology evolved, so did the ability of navies to use this new concept of “networking” to achieve decisive results. In World War II British convoys and U.S. aircraft formed a successful intelligence-based network to defeat German U-Boat attacks.¹⁹ During the Cold War, the U.S.—often in concert with coalition partners such as Great Britain and Canada—networked information obtained by sound surveillance systems (SOSUS) with ASW aircraft to track Soviet submarines. For the U.S. Navy, this ultimately evolved in the 1990s to the Copernicus C4I initiative primarily designed to create a common tactical picture.²⁰ The Joint On-line Tactical System (JOTS), implemented in the Mediterranean Sea during the late 1980s, was an early attempt to network across the Services. JOTS utilized U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force intelligence and sensor networks to build shared situational awareness for the component commanders.²¹

Technology and Technological Challenges

As nations, and especially navies, adopted new technologies, they found that often the technological promise of a new system was accompanied by unintended consequences that sometimes made the net result a negative rather than a positive. For example, the introduction of the telegraph promised instantaneous communications across vast

distances. No longer would messages take months to traverse continents as telegraph cables and networks made it possible for messages to be relayed in days. The Royal Navy found the telegraph to be an important tool in communicating with its global fleet, but that ease and speed of communications came with a price. During times of tension, fleet commanders were often found on their command ship docked at port in order to have access to telegraph messages rather than out at sea with their ships.²²

But the telegraph, a breakthrough technology that all assumed would “cure” a universe of communications ills had another downside—an “unintended consequence” of its use.²³ Prior to the invention of the telegraph British expatriates at the far end of the empire received news of events transpiring in the British Isles through bundles of newspapers delivered by ship. This typically took anywhere from four to six weeks but when the news arrived it was robust, detailed and provided the reader with virtually all they could have wanted to know about these events—absent being there in person.

The Victorians eagerly embraced the telegraph as something that was “faster and better” that would provide them the “news of the home islands” instantly and without the multi-week time delay. But this new technology had a downside. Telegraph transmissions were expensive so those putting together telegraph messages put a premium on brevity and “news” was truncated to the bare essentials. Additionally, transmissions were sent from one way station to the next where one operator had to manually key in what he or she had just received, a process that was fraught with error—and was doubly chancy since not all operators at these way stations spoke English. The net result was that when the news finally arrived it was truncated, error-prone and often bore little resemblance to the initial information that was transmitted.²⁴

The advent of wireless technology also brought the promise of better and speedier communications between command and fleets at sea. Navies were no longer bound by land-locked telegraph cables and signals could reach out into the vast expanse of the sea allowing for central command to better track their forces. This centralized control allowed for better vectoring of fleets based on a centralized information system, but also made it harder for fleet commanders to manage their ships. Professor N.A.M. Rodger of the University of Exeter tells of an incident in 1942 when the commander of the Royal Navy’s Home Fleet, Admiral John Tovey, asked the Admiralty to take command of his ships as he had lost track of them while at sea.²⁵

And not unlike the telegraph, wireless had another “unintended consequence.” While wireless technology helped commanders reach far-flung units and communicate in real time, *enemy* units could also copy these same transmissions for their tactical advantage. History is replete with examples of navies and other forces suffering defeat because the enemy intercepted wireless communications.

Naval forces today, particularly the U.S. Navy, have embraced current communication technologies like the Internet and satellite communications to maintain situational awareness and track its global fleet. However, much like the Royal Navy in the days of the telegraph and wireless communications, the U.S. Navy must today deal with the

challenges posed by these new technologies. The Navy's networking effort is through the overarching functional concept called FORCEnet that ties all naval C4ISR to the larger defense Global Information Grid (GIG).²⁶ The challenge now is how can the Navy ensure that its multi-billion dollar initiative to fully network the fleet *enhances* U.S. Navy participation in the global maritime partnership rather than impedes partnership activities. As the U.S. Navy is surging forward in building a modern force with advance information technologies, is it creating an unintended consequence by leaving coalition partner navies in its wake?

Naval Coalition Networking: How Big a Problem?

For the U.S. Navy, there is a strong desire to effectively network at sea. Writing in the capstone publication of the OSD Office of Force Transformation, Vice Admiral Arthur Cebrowski noted, "The United States wants its partners to be as interoperable as possible. Not being interoperable means you are not on the net, so you are not in a position to derive power from the information age."²⁷

Unfortunately, that "want" is not being realized today. Each year, the five numbered fleet commanders in the U.S. Navy submit their "top ten C4ISR requirements." For years, these "desirements" have been literally all over the map, with "more bandwidth" often taking top billing. Today, these fleet commanders all identify one C4ISR issue as their top priority—coalition communications.²⁸ These warfighters recognize that the ability to communicate and exchange data with coalition partners is important to their success across a wide range of mission areas, but also that networking with the coalition partners in their areas of responsibility is increasingly challenging.

The imperative to provide the Navy's operational commanders with better tools for coalition communications has percolated to the highest levels of the Department of the Navy. Soon after assuming his duties as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Communications Networks, Vice Admiral Mark Edwards stressed the crucial importance of networking coalition partners. In a memorandum to the Director of the Warfare Integration Division entitled "FORCEnet for the 1000-Ship Navy," Vice Admiral Edwards directed his staff to:

"Lead an effort to articulate the strategy to network the 1000-Ship Navy... identify the funding, personnel, organization, and processes for ensuring interoperability with coalition navies at the sensitive but unclassified level where possible...ensure coalition interoperability is considered at the earliest stages of capability development."²⁹

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration (ASD NII)—the highest authority on C4ISR in the U.S. military—has recognized both the importance of coalition networking and the challenges of its implementation. Dr. David Alberts, Director of Research for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (OASD) for Networks and Information Integration (NII), explained this dilemma at a

high-level symposia noting, “In today’s world, nothing significant can get done outside of a coalition context,” while also noting, “We have been *humbled* by the challenges of devising effective coalition communications.”³⁰

Though daunting as it may be to establish effective coalition communications, there is a growing body of information that shows that it is possible and has dramatic benefits. One example of this occurred during the 1999 air operations in Kosovo that required extensive coalition interoperability between allied air forces. During the operation, which resulted in over 36,000 sorties flown to support the peacekeeping mission, it was discovered that the allied air force command had trouble tracking, locating, and fixing mobile targets on the ground.³¹ Weather and terrain were inhibiting pilots and forward air controllers from detecting mobile targets. The solution to the problem was to network sensors, analysts, decision makers, and pilots together into a global kill chain. Networking allowed information obtained by Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) to be shared by all in the kill chain to increase the detection of those troublesome mobile targets.³² Examples like this are growing but there remains a much larger challenge that is emerging as coalition operations increase to include non-traditional coalition partners and nations with differing rates of modernization.³³

The challenges for the U.S. Navy as it attempts to network with coalition partners is gaining increased world-wide recognition. Writing in the authoritative *Naval War College Review*, Professor Paul Mitchell, the former Director of Academics at the Canadian Forces College, asked the key question:

“Is there a place for small navies in network-centric warfare? Will they be able to make any sort of contribution in multinational naval operations of the future? Or will they be relegated to the sidelines, undertaking the most menial of tasks, encouraged to stay out of the way—or stay at home...The ‘need for speed’ in network-centric operations places the whole notion of multinational operations at risk.”³⁴

From the perspective of potential coalition partners there are two technological challenges that impact efforts to effectively network with the United States Navy. The first is purely technological. Potential partnering navies, even the most sophisticated ones, do not generally have comparable installed networking capability aboard their ships and aircraft. While many have U.S. Navy systems such as Link 11, there is limited availability of Internet Protocol (IP) bandwidth aboard most of our coalition partners’ ships. The increasing sophistication of collaboration for the newer missions coalition forces are undertaking relies on the technologies based on IP connectivity: email, chat, FTP file sharing, and video teleconferencing. Without access to this capability, coalition ships find themselves unable to fully participate in force-wide planning activities undertaken by U.S. Navy commanders. Providing extended IP services to coalition ships operating as part of the global maritime partnership is a persistent issue in building a coalition networking capability.

A second challenge potential partners face in integrating networking efforts with the US Navy is rooted in the respective procurement policies the U.S. Navy and these partners are bounded by. The US Navy's "POM" (Program Objective Memorandum) process for budgeting follows a long range path to procuring new technologies with supporting research and development effort tied to this "long range" view. This process serves the US Navy's needs to do large scale procurements for many ships with an eye towards increasingly sophisticated capabilities. Conversely, most of the US Navy's potential coalition partners face more restrictive budgets in a procurement process that favors limited procurement in a shorter cycle. In practical terms this often results in these potential partners advocating a "good enough" technology solution now as opposed to an ostensibly better one in the future.

Efforts are currently underway at the technical grass roots level to provide solutions to networking between partner navies. One example is the development of the Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System (CENTRIXS)—a global information-sharing network established in 2002.³⁵ CENTRIXS has been used by the U.S. Navy and partner nations to network across the maritime domain in coalition efforts like Operation Enduring Freedom. While CENTRIXS has helped to solve current networking issues, there remains a need for more permanent, long-term efforts to deal with issues like building a network that can sustain the massive data rates that will be needed to truly network in the future.³⁶

Successive U.S. Navy Chiefs of Naval Operations have extolled the virtues of coalition naval operations, but have also emphasized that the U.S. Navy will not slow down technologically to allow other navies to catch up. While naval planners and policy makers continue to discuss the importance of coalition networking, the U.S. Navy still needs to acknowledge the substantial policy, doctrinal and, increasingly, technical challenges to effectively network the global maritime partnership.

Part of the challenge for the Navy is that coalition interoperability does not fit neatly into any requirements "bin" for the U.S. Navy or for the navies of other major maritime powers. It does not fly, float, or operate beneath the seas. It does not strike the enemy from afar like cruise missiles. It does not enhance readiness like spare parts or training. Thus, it often does not always have the requisite degree of high-level advocacy. This is not to imply that those in charge of setting requirements or acquiring weapons systems are not keen on doing the right thing—clearly they are. The challenge to fit coalition communications into the requirements and acquisition process is that it takes a great deal of time and attention to change the process and practices that have grown up over the decades. As yet, it is a journey that is incomplete.

But is there a "way forward" for the U.S. Navy in its quest for a means to network effectively as part of the global maritime partnership? Is there a "best practices" model that can provide a compelling demonstration of the value of effective coalition networking? The answer to these two questions is "yes," and it is an example that must be extrapolated to additional likely coalition partner navies as a *necessary condition* for achieving the global maritime partnership.

A Way Forward?

For the U.S. Navy, the technical challenges to effectively network with likely coalition partners are not trivial. Specifically, for a 21st Century FORCEnet-centric U.S. Navy, the challenge is twofold: quantifying the operational effectiveness of a coalition force networked via the U.S. Navy infrastructure provided by FORCEnet, versus the operational effectiveness of a coalition force less-robustly networked, and finding a way for likely coalition partners to co-evolve maritime networking systems in a way that enables maximum networking among partner ships and other platforms.³⁷

The issue of co-evolution is an important one because for a U.S. Navy determined to be a global maritime *partner*, and not a naval power that dominates partners with U.S.-centric solutions, a cooperative arrangement regarding technology development is crucial.³⁸ And this implies early and frequent cooperation and collaboration at the grass roots level by scientists and engineers working in laboratories of global maritime partners to come up with technical solutions for challenging networking problems.

Bringing coalition naval ships and aircraft together on the global maritime commons is challenging enough, and it would appear to be dwarfed by the challenge of bringing scientists and engineers at coalition-partner national laboratories together to address common challenges. But such a model does exist under the auspices of The Technical Cooperation Program (TTCP).

TTCP is a forum for defense science and technology collaboration between Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. It was formed in 1957 as the Tripartite Technical Cooperation Program and has grown into an extensive international collaborative defense science and technology activity.³⁹ The aim of TTCP is to foster cooperation within the science and technology areas needed for national defense. To do this, TTCP provides a formal framework that scientists and technologists can use to share information with one another.

For the past six years one TTCP Group, the Maritime Systems Group, has been working on the topics of “Networking Maritime Coalitions,” and “FORCEnet and Coalition Implications.” The group has generated analytical data and conducted modeling and simulation to demonstrate that if the U.S. Navy’s FORCEnet is developed in a way that is inclusive of likely coalition partners, who, in turn, build their national systems to be compatible with FORCEnet, the naval forces involved will enjoy a quantum increase in capability.

The Maritimes Systems Group has now begun the important effort of informing national naval C4ISR acquisition programs so that the five participating nations can co-evolve their systems in a way that will enable them to seamlessly network at sea. This includes identifying “technology on-ramps” within the acquisition commands of each nation where the right systems can be procured and subsequently installed on each nation’s ships at the right time in order to “grow” compatible C4ISR systems in concert.

Although TTCP focuses on addressing technological issues that arise in developing military coalitions, the Maritime System Group's efforts have allowed the participating nations' navies to address issues rooted in the strategic and tactical priorities of these navies themselves. In terms of coalition force building, it is obvious that coalition partners would bring different and varied capabilities to the force based on these individual priorities. The Maritime System Group's modeling and analysis efforts have allowed individual nations to emphasize respective capabilities and operational objectives in their modeling, allowing them the ability to explore the impact of networking on these individual priorities and, in turn, articulate the impact of these priorities on a coalition force. This has enriched the group's understanding of the tactical capabilities of each of the partners and led to a more sophisticated understanding of the practical challenges in guiding coalition naval forces in a variety of missions. It has also led to a greater understanding of each nation's issues and concerns in developing naval capabilities.

But TTCP represents just five nations, and as good as the group's work products might be, the circle of influence of these products is limited to just five nations. For the envisioned global maritime partnership to succeed, a variety of navies capable of operating together on short notice and across a spectrum of missions is required, and similar analytical work will need to be undertaken, and soon, in other venues. NATO offers one potential forum that would include a large number of navies. ASEAN and the nations in the U.S. Southern Command AOR represent other groups of nations that would likely work together across a wide spectrum and that would benefit from enhanced communications and networking at sea.

However, the TTCP model provides a means for the laboratory communities in the nations that will likely work together at sea to analyze technical communication and networking needs in an operational framework. And the importance of doing this work at the laboratory level cannot be overstated. The current U.S. SOUTHCOM commander highlighted this in an article in the *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings* when he stated: "We will win—or lose—the next series of wars in our nation's laboratories."⁴⁰ The application of the TTCP model of collaboration between national laboratories of partner nations to current and future efforts to build effective coalition communication networks can be an important step in realizing the goals of the global maritime partnership.

Conclusion: Challenge and Opportunity

The groundswell of enthusiasm among nations that share a common strategic objective to forge an effective global maritime partnership is palpable. But the hard technical work—at the laboratory level—needs to begin *now*. This is because naval leaders will not be convinced to provide the resources to enable this networking at sea unless they see the rigorous analytical underpinning that conclusively demonstrates the enhanced operational effectiveness that one navy gains by networking with its coalition partners. And absent the requisite technology infusion within *all* of these navies, the dream of empowering commanders at the edge will not be realized.

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Networking the Global Maritime Partnership

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Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, San Diego
June 19, 2008

SSC San Diego ... on Point and at the Center of C4ISR



Perspective

- The globalization of commerce has made the need for a global maritime partnership (GMP) an *urgent* requirement to support worldwide prosperity.
- Networking navies is a *necessary condition* for a GMP but technological advances among navies have often been uneven – impeding effective networking.
- We have “beta-tested,” and will share, one methodology for networking navies more effectively.
- While we will present results from a naval perspective, the C4ISR lessons-learned from this effort can readily be extrapolated to other complex endeavors.

...but first, is coalition networking really that important to the United States Navy?....

“We cannot talk about maritime power without talking about the cooperation between the U.S. Navy and our coalition partners.”

Admiral Gary Roughead
Chief of Naval Operations
NLUS Sea-Air-Space Symposium
Washington, D.C.
March 18, 2008

“Building partner capability is important to our Navy. We must endeavor to improve our networking capability with partners, especially our ability to exchange data at high rates.”

Admiral John Greenert
Commander, Fleet Forces Command
NLUS Sea-Air-Space Symposium
Washington, D.C.
March 18, 2008

“What we build and what we subsequently sell to foreign navies used to be low priority for the Naval Sea Systems Command. Today, with the Thousand Ship Navy and the Global Maritime Partnership, this is now a huge part of what we do.”

Vice Admiral Paul Sullivan
Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command
NLUS Sea-Air-Space Symposium
Washington, D.C.
March 20, 2008

“The Navy International Program Office (Navy IPO) is an increasingly important part of the ASN RD&A portfolio. Maritime forces foster relationships that help sustain confidence in the global system and allow it to flourish.”

Mr. John Thackrah
Acting ASN RD&A
NLUS Sea-Air-Space Symposium
Washington, D.C.
March 20, 2008

No Navy Stands Alone and Networking Navies Effectively is a Necessary Condition for a Global Maritime Partnership



“The power to create a voluntary network of maritime forces is within our grasp, We have the capability to seize on our inherent nature of cooperation at sea and, together, overcome transnational actors who threaten the very fabric of global safety and security.”

Admiral Michael Mullen

U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations

RUSI Future Maritime Warfare Conference

December 13, 2005

Networking the Global Maritime Partnership

- Globalization has brought nations closer together and increased world-wide prosperity
- Navies under-gird the ability of nations to trade across the global commons
- Globalization has facilitated all forms of international terrorism
- No one navy can police the global commons – a Global Maritime Partnership is needed

Networking the Global Maritime Partnership

- Navies working together to defeat terrorists must be effectively networked
- This networking is crucial to develop a common operational picture and to self-synchronize
- Emerging C4ISR technologies are critical to networking navies
- The fact that navies have led networking at sea often obscures technological challenges

“The significant involvement of coalition forces in Operation Enduring Freedom – including over 100 ships deployed in Central Asia for an extended period – has reemphasized the requirement for improved internet protocol data systems interoperability with allied and coalition forces.”

Admiral Robert Natter
Commander, Fleet Forces Command
SSC Charleston *Combat Clips*
Summer 2002

The Importance of Connectivity

Spring 2002: Ships: 91 (31 US / 60 Coalition)

SPS SANTA MARIA (FFG)
SPS NUMANCIA (FFG)
SPS PATIÑO (AOR)



IRAQI MIO

ELLIOT (DD)
THE SULLIVANS (DDG)
HMAS MANOORA (LPA)
HMAS CANBERRA (FFG)



OPS ARABIAN GULF

PEARL HARBOR (LSD)
ARDENT (MCM)
DEXTRIOUS (MCM)
OGDEN (LPD)



LIO

HNLMS P VAN ALMONDE (FFG)
FS SURCOUF (FFG)
FS DEGRASSE (DDG)
FS SOMME (AOR)
FS SURCOUF (FFG)
HMCS TORONTO (FFH)
HMCS IROQUOIS (DDG)
ITS DE LA PENNE (DDG)
ITS MAESTRALE (FFG)



NAS STRIKE/ESCORT

JOHN C STENNIS (CVN)
PORT ROYAL (CG)
JOHN F KENNEDY (CV)
VICKSBURG (CG)
HMCS VANCOUVER (FFH)
HMCS PRESERVER (AOR)



LOGISTIC SUPPORT

BRIDGE (AOE)
CONCORD (TAFS)
JOHN LENTHALL (TAO)
PECOS (TAO)
SEATTLE (AOE)
SPICA (TAFS)
RFA BAYLEAF (AO)
RFA DILIGENCE (AR)
RFA FORT AUSTIN (AFS)
RFA FORT GEORGE (AOR)
RFA FORT ROSALIE (AFS)
FS SOMME (AOR)
JDS TOKIWA (AOE)
JDS TOWADA (AOE)
HMCS PRESERVER (AOR)
FGS SPESSART (AOL)



NON-OEF TASKING

FS AIGLE (MHC)
FS DAGUE (LCT)
FS D'ENTRECASTEAUX (AGS)
FS FLOREAL (FFG)
FS ISARD (AG)
FS JULES VERNE (AD)
FS LA LAVALLEE (FFG)
FS LOIRE (AG)
FS SIROCO (LSD)
FS VAR (AOR)
FS VERSEAU (MHC)
HMS SPLENDID (SSN)



ENROUTE SOH

FS CHARLES DE GAULLE (CVN)
FS CASSARD (DDG)



IMPORT JEBEL ALI/ DUBAI

FLINT (TAE)
HMAS NEWCASTLE (FFG)



IMPORT MUSCAT

RBNS SABHA (FFG)



IMPORT DJIBOUTI

FGS DONAU (ARL)
FGS GEPARD (ARL)
FGS HYAENE (PCFG)
FGS MAIN (ARL)
FGS PUMA (PCFG)
FGS FRIEBURG (ARL)



MEUEX DJIBOUTI

WASP (LHD)
OAK HILL (LSD)
TRENTON (LPD)



ENROUTE OUTCHOP

HMS SCOTT (AGS)



HOA OPS

HUE CITY (CG)
FGS BUSSARD (PCFG)
FGS EMDEN (FFG)
FGS FALKE (PCFG)
FGS KÖLN (FFG)
HNLMS VAN AMSTEL (FFG)
HMS CAMPBELTOWN (FFG)
FS SAPHIR (SSN)



EXERCISE SHAREM

BOISE (SSN)
DECATUR (DDG)
LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG)
HMS PORTLAND (FFG)



LOGISTICS ESCORT

JDS HARUNA (DDH)
JDS SAWAGIRI (DD)
JDS SAWAKAZE (DDG)



NAS ARG/ESCORT

BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD)
JARRETT (FFG)
HMS OCEAN (LPH)
HMS YORK (DDG)
RFA SIR PERCIVALE (LSL)
RFA SIR TRISTRAM (LSL)



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FGS BAYERN (FFG)



Technological Advances Among Navies Have Been Uneven – Impeding Effective Networking Between Navies

“Is there a place for small navies in network-centric warfare? Will they be able to make any sort of contribution in multinational naval operations of the future? Or will they be relegated to the sidelines, undertaking the most menial of tasks, encouraged to stay out of the way— or stay at home?...The “need for speed” in network-centric operations places the whole notion of multinational operations at risk.”

Professor Paul Mitchell

Former Director of Academics

Canadian Forces College

Naval War College Review – Spring 2003



“There’s no one in the Navy leadership who thinks that the Navy can do this alone...if we want to embrace the thousand-ship navy [concept] and maritime security initiatives, we have to make sure that we don’t leave a large majority of our partners behind.”

Vice Admiral Mark Edwards
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for
Communication Networks (N6)
Seapower Magazine
April 2008

Technological Advances and Networking

- Coalition partners working with the U.S. Navy often want to know the “price of *admission*”
- From the U.S. perspective it is more about the “price of *omission*” if we can not work together
- It is not ship hulls or aircraft airframes that enable this – but C4ISR technologies
- If each coalition partner develops these technologies independently, chaos can ensue

Technological Advances and Networking

- The “need for speed” often drives each navy to push technology forward independently
- Coordinated technological development in parallel offers one promising solution to this
- This must then translate to parallel acquisition of systems that are mutually compatible
- This sounds great in theory, but is there a “best-practice” model that we can examine?

We Have “Beta-Tested” and will Share *one* Methodology for Networking Navies More Effectively



The Challenge

“Expanded cooperation with the maritime forces of other nations requires more interoperability with multinational partners possessing varying levels of technology. The *Global Maritime Partnership* initiative will serve as a catalyst for increased international interoperability in support of cooperative maritime security.”

Admiral Gary Roughead
Chief of Naval Operations
*A Cooperative Strategy for 21st
Century Seapower*
October 2007

Our “Beta-Test” Under the Auspices of The Technical Cooperation Program: One Path to “Building the Networks”

One Model for International Defense Cooperation: MAR AG-1/AG-6

MAR Action Group 1: “Maritime Network Centric Warfare”

MAR Action Group 1

- Maritime Network Centric Warfare
 - Open ended
- Focus on “bounding the problem”
 - Good product
- Proof of concept through multilateral analysis
- Warfighting scenarios with traction for all
- Two Studies
 - Broad Issues: First Principles of NCW
 - Tactical Level Analysis: MIO/ASW/ASuW

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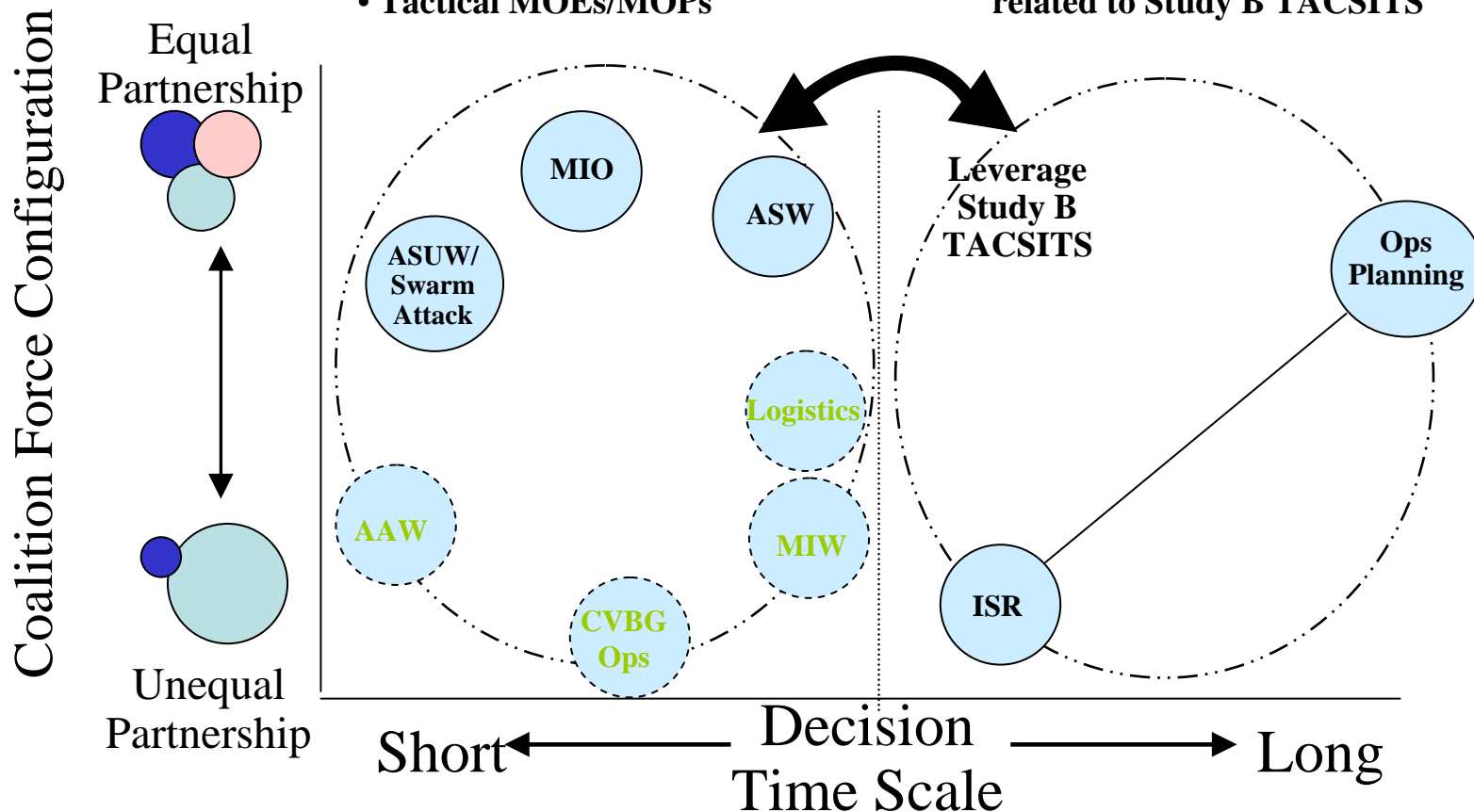
Two Component Studies

Study B (Tactical Level)

- TACSIT-based analysis (relevant, littoral)
- Sense-Decide-Respond
- Connectivity dependence
- Tactical MOEs/MOPs

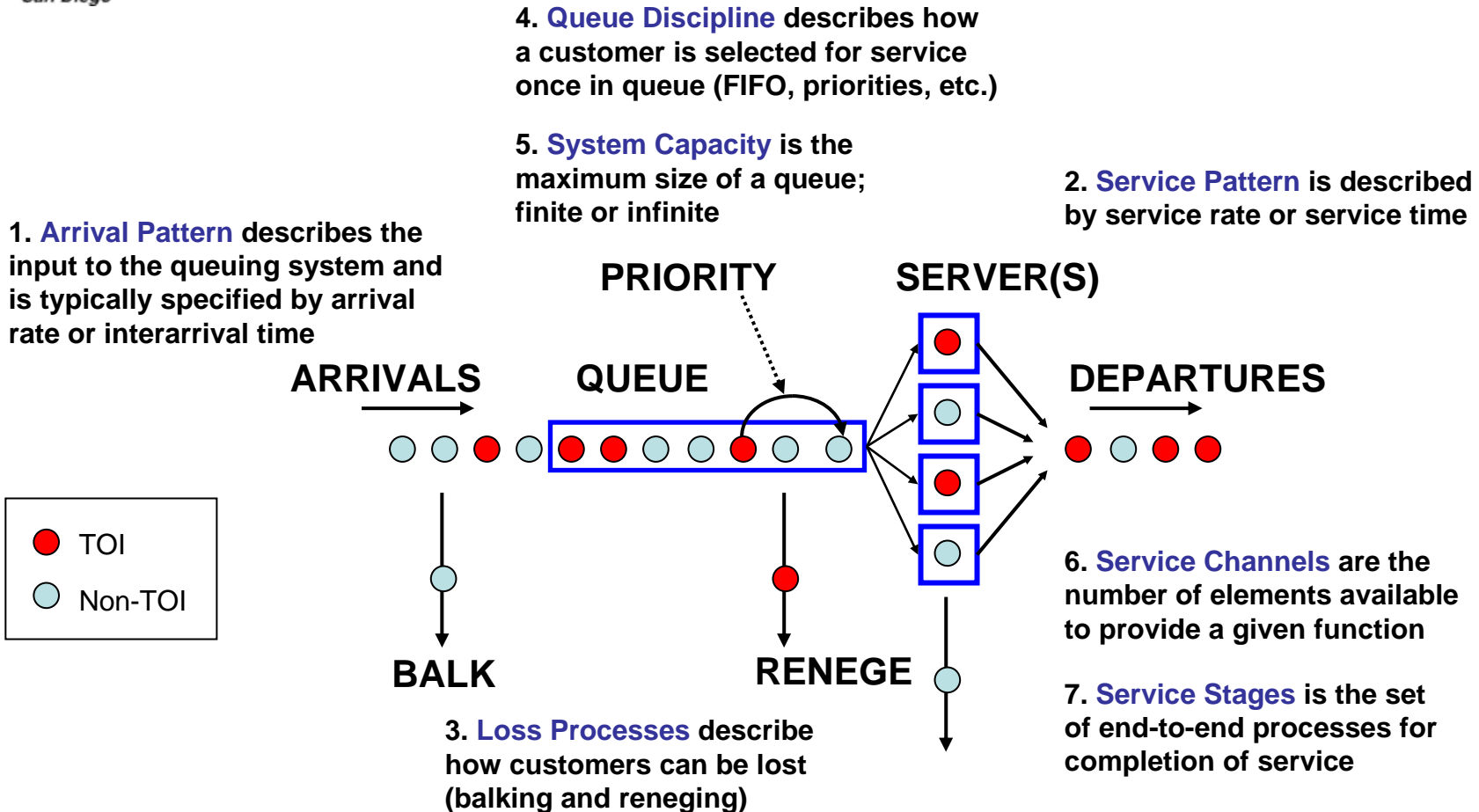
Study A (Broad Issues)

- First Principles in NCW
- Quantitative analysis of alternative networking options in ISR/Operational Planning, as related to Study B TACSITS



MAR AG-1 Study B Tactical Level Analysis

Queuing System for MIO



KEY QUEUEING METRICS:

- Probability of a customer acquiring service
- Waiting time in queue until service begins
- Loss rate due to either balking or reneging

Queueing Theory interrelates key system characteristics and can be used to identify where investment should be made to improve performance and effectiveness

ASW TACSIT Analysis

Improving ASW Effectiveness – NCASW Concepts and Hypotheses

1 Shared Situational Awareness (SSA)

Network-enabled Shared Situational Awareness (SSA) can reduce false contact loading thereby increasing ASW effectiveness.

2 Collaborative Information Environment (CIE)

Sensor operators in a network-enabled collaborative environment can reach-back to ASW experts to improve target and non-target classification performance.

Queueing Theory can provide an intuitive mathematical and physical framework for the analysis of any military system or operation that can be characterized as a “waiting line” or a “demand-for-service.”

Metric for SSA Concept Analysis

Reduce false contact loading on the ASW system by improving Shared Situational Awareness (SSA)

$$P_{ASW} = P_{DET} * P_{CLASS} * P_{LOC} * P_{ATK}$$

$$P_{CLASS} = P_{ACQ CLASS} * P(T|t)$$

$P_{ACQ CLASS}$ = probability that the target acquires classification service

$P(T|t)$ = probability of recognizing the target contact as the actual target of interest (experimental data required)

T = THREAT DECISION

t = true target

There are queueing aspects (waiting line/demand for service) in each of the terms in P_{ASW}

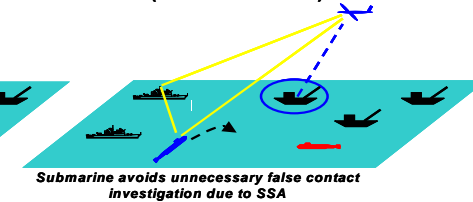
False Target Reduction Concept

PLATFORM-CENTRIC ASW
(LIMITED SSA)



- Congestion of sonar, high workload
- Time to investigate false contacts
- Reduction of effective search rate
- Missed detections of targets

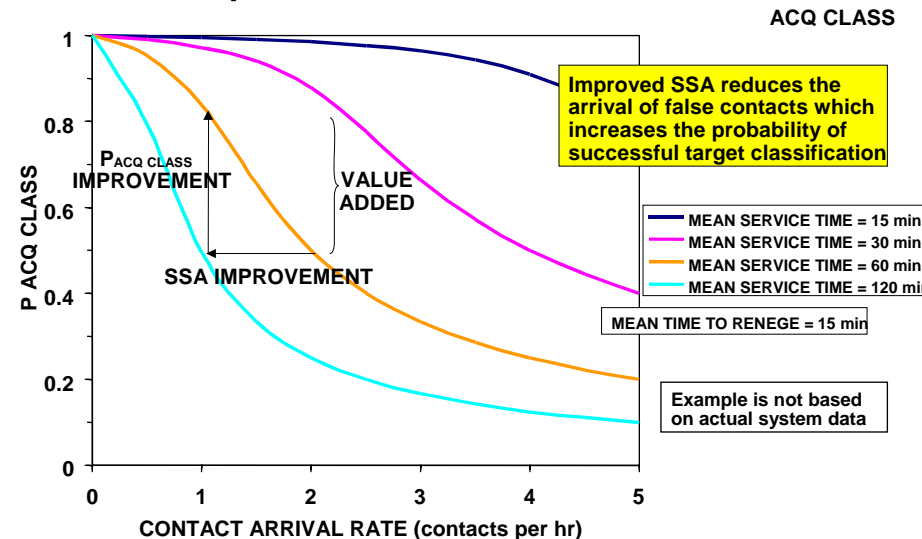
NETWORK-CENTRIC ASW
(IMPROVED SSA)



- Information is essential
- System to remove specified sensor contacts
- Can possibly lower detection threshold
- Increased probability of target detection

- Use sensor correlation across all appropriate platforms in a task group to reduce the number of non-target contacts presented to sensor operators.
- Reduce non-object false contacts, such as reverberation spikes and wrecks, by using acoustic models, in situ data, and local data bases.

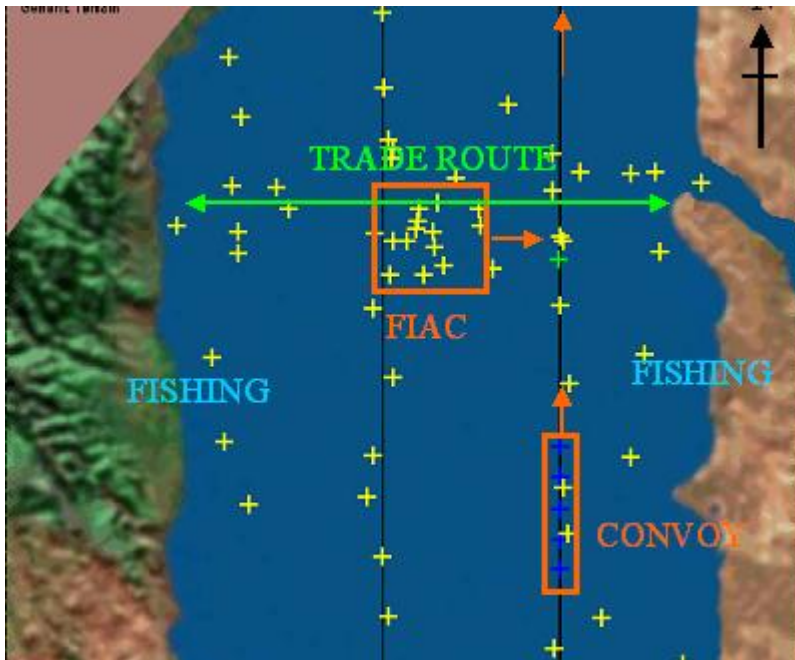
Effect Of Improved SSA and Service Time on P



ASuW/Swarm TACSIT Analysis

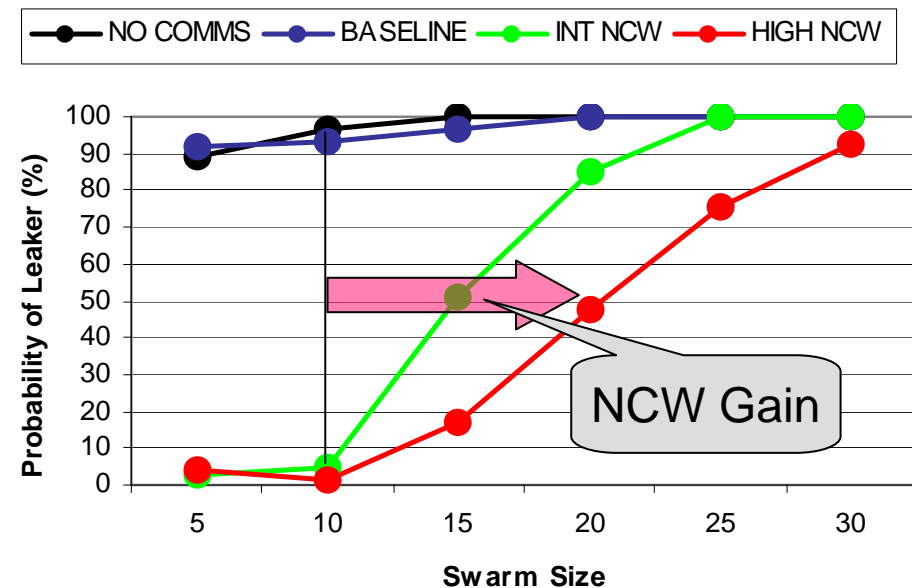
Tacsit: Blue force in restricted sea room is attacked by a swarm of FIAC. Network enabled Blue shared situational awareness and distributed targeting reduces the number of 'leakers.'

Metrics: Probability of one or more FIAC reaching firing position against HVU. Fractions of FIAC leaking, and of Blue escorts damaged. Collateral damage.



Study has used MANA agent based model to represent the Swarm's dynamic tactics, with four levels of Blue networking capability.

Sample Results: (30 knot FIAC)



- Intermediate and High levels of networking increase Force survivability versus Type 1 FIAC by factor of ≈ 9 .
- Full results include dependencies on Red speed (leakers increase at 40 knots).

AG-1 Study “Takeaways”

- Any analysis must begin with the recognition that there will likely be a significant networking capability gap between US and coalition partners
- This analysis must evaluate the impact of technology on a heterogeneously networked coalition naval force
- Networking would most benefit coalition naval forces in planning and re-planning, training, and reach-back to better intelligence

MAR Action Group 6 “FORCEnet Implications for Coalitions”

MAR AG-6 Direction and TOR

- Leverage AG-1 work as much as possible
- Build on AG-1 work but add:
 - More specificity regarding ops and force structure
 - More granularity to analysis and modeling
- Work within a realistic operational scenario that all member nations would participate in
- Produce a product that informs national leadership and acquisition officials

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What is FORCEnet?

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Admiral Vern Clark

Former Chief of Naval Operations (2000-2005)

US Naval Institute Proceedings

October 2002

Premises

- FORCEnet will empower warfighters at all levels to execute more effective decision-making at an increased tempo, which will result in improved combat effectiveness and mission accomplishment.¹
 - The warfighting benefits of FORCEnet in a coalition context can be assessed through analysis and quantified to provide input to national balance of investment studies of the five member nations.²
 - It is necessary that FORCEnet address current and near term information system requirements that support operations in the joint and coalition environments. **Coalition Communications was the clear number one priority** of all numbered fleet commanders and is a critical enabler in leveraging coalition partners in the GWOT.³
1. *FORCEnet: A Functional Concept for the 21st Century*
 2. *MAR AG-6 Terms of Reference*
 3. *FY 2006 Numbered Fleet Top C4 Requirements (CFFC/CPF consolidated message)*

Hypothesis

- Conducting modeling and simulation and detailed analysis to demonstrate the enhanced warfighting effectiveness of coalition partners (in this case – the AUSCANNZUKUS nations) netted in a FORCEnet environment can help inform national naval C4ISR acquisition programs.

Notional Coalition Order of Battle

| Australia | United Kingdom |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 ANZAC Frigates • 2 FFG • 1 AWD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 LPH/LPD • 2 LSD • 1 Replenishment Ship |
| Canada | United States |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Destroyers • 2 Frigates • Replenishment Ship • Submarine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Amphibious Assault Ships • 1 Cruiser • 2 Destroyers • 3 Littoral Combat Ships • 1 Attack Submarine |
| New Zealand | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 ANZAC Frigates • 1 Replenishment Ship • 1 Multi-role Vessel | |

Operational Scenario

Disaster Relief/Humanitarian Assistance
Dealing with Terrorist Insurgency
Conflict with Southeast Asian Military



SSC San Diego...on Point and at the Center of C4ISR

Operational Scenario

Volcano Plumes
Humanitarian/
Disaster Focus

CA and
LCS
from
Guam

US ESG

AS, NZ

Coalition
ESG Ops

Insurrection

SAG

Operational Vignettes

1. Assembly, training, planning & rehearsal
2. Littoral transit versus FIAC
3. ASW against Kilo's
4. Amphibious offload
5. Naval fires
6. MIO versus insurgent resupply

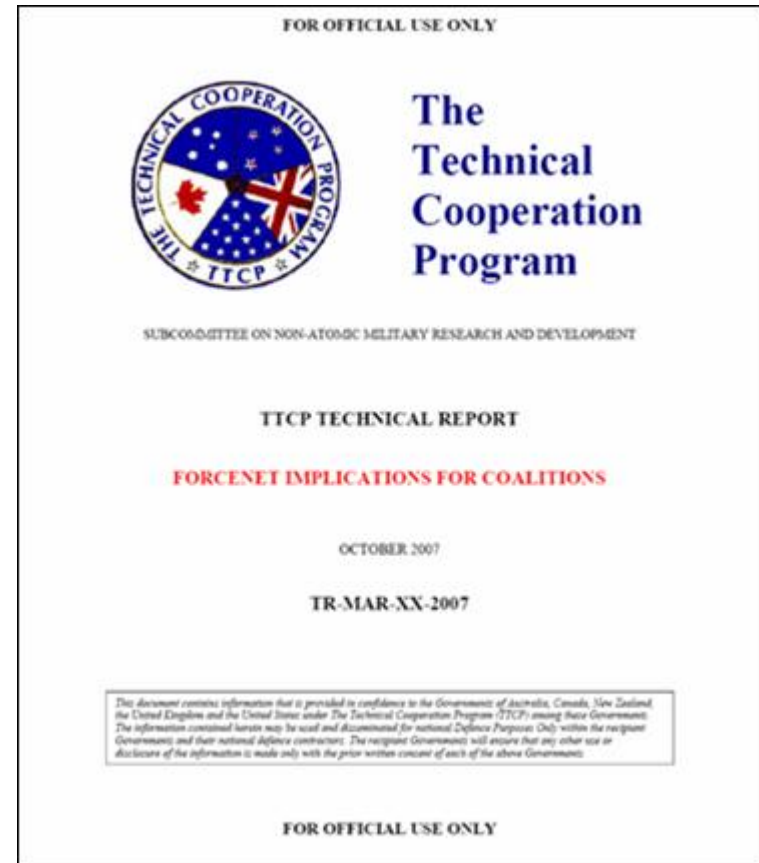
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Initial Modeling Results - Summary

| | Summary | Operational Impact | MoE Analysis |
|----------|--|--|---|
| Assembly | Network capability limits time required to build force | Force can plan in advance of rendezvous, training time reduced | Total force at Fn Level1 reduced time required "in company" from 3 to 1 day |
| FIAC | Networking with increased ISR, flexible ROE enhances ability to counter | Gain in reducing probability of FIAC "leaker" attacking HVU | Fn level 0 or 1 little impact, Level 2 doubles size of swarm that can be countered |
| ASW | Increased networking impacts in both planning and common operational picture | Gains realized in better networking of sensors and ISR assets (MPA, helo) | Fn Level 1 allowed OTH sensor monitoring and increase in predicted HVU survivability from .55 to .85. |
| Offload | Networking shared landing craft resources speeds delivery of on-cal relief supplies | Flexibility in delivering supplies to beach as HA mission unfolds | Fn Level 3 produced impact as all landing craft assets were able to service any supplying ship |
| Fires | Call-For- Fire process evolves from voice to digital data exchange | Reduced time allows for improved initial accuracy, less chance of targets escaping | Time to engage reduced from 55 min (Fn Level 0) to 2 min (Fn Level 3) |
| MIO | Range of networked capabilities for detection, tracking, and search of CCOIs have potential for improved performance | Better CCOI tracking through enhanced planning, asset management. Boarding party tools for personal safety and reachback into HQ databases | Probability of acquiring CCOI increased from .1 to .7 with Fn Level 1. Fn Level 2 needed for enhanced database tool and ISR integration |

Capstone Report

- Ten chapters, eleven annexes
 - Including executive summary, bibliography
- Will describe study approach
 - Section on each vignette's modeling
- Capabilities as described in Pastel Chart
 - Including issues relating to procurement of these capabilities
- Recommendations for further MAR efforts



Summary and Conclusions... ...and a suggested road ahead

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Admiral Michael Mullen

As U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations
RUSI Future Maritime Warfare Conference
December 13, 2005

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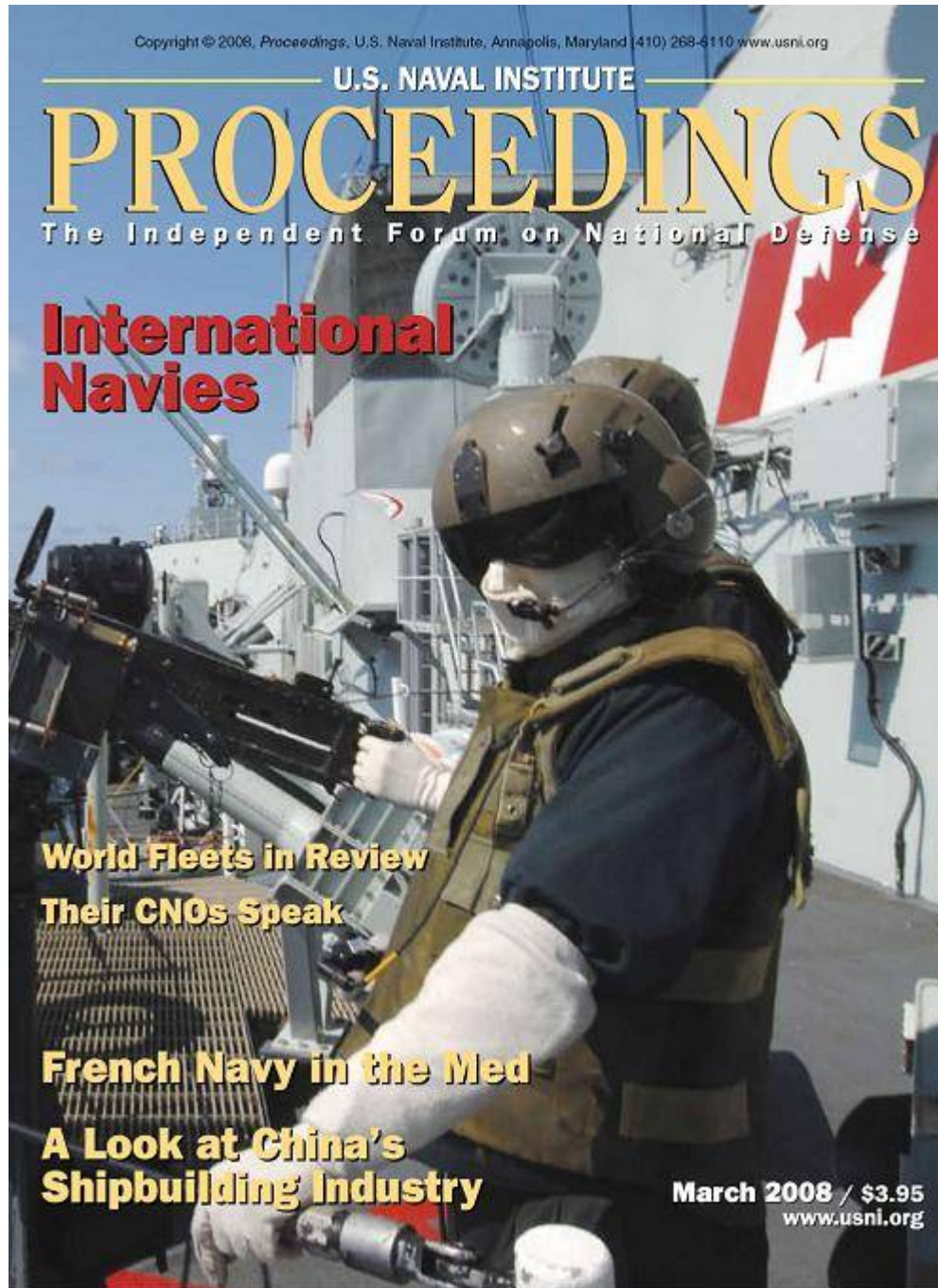
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Backups

Our “Beta-Test” Under the Auspices of The Technical Cooperation Program: One Path to “Building the Networks”

The Technical Cooperation Program

- Defense-wide organization with emphasis on S&T
- Stable vehicle for collaborative efforts between and among five allies
- Valuable worldwide network of scientists and engineers that delivers technical advice
- Facilitates interoperability downstream through S&T collaboration

TTCP Current Groups

- Aerospace Systems (AER)
- Command, Control, Communications, & Information Systems (C3I)
- Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Defense (CBD)
- Electronic Warfare Systems (EWS)
- Human Resources and Performance (HUM)
- Joint Systems and Analysis (JSA)
- Land Systems (LAN)
- **Maritime Systems (MAR)**
- Materials and Processes Technology (MAT)
- Sensors (SEN)
- Conventional Weapons Technology (WPN)

MAR Construct

- **Technical Panels:**
 - TP-1: C2 and Information Management
 - TP-9: Sonar Technology
 - TP-10: Maritime ISR & Air Systems
 - TP-13: Mine Warfare and HF Acoustics
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 - AG-1: Net Centric Warfare Study*
 - AG-2: Novel Maritime Platform Systems
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 - AG-4: Surface Ship Air Defence Systems
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One Model for International Cooperation

- Maritime Action Groups
 - AG-1: “Maritime Network Centric Warfare”
...morphed into...
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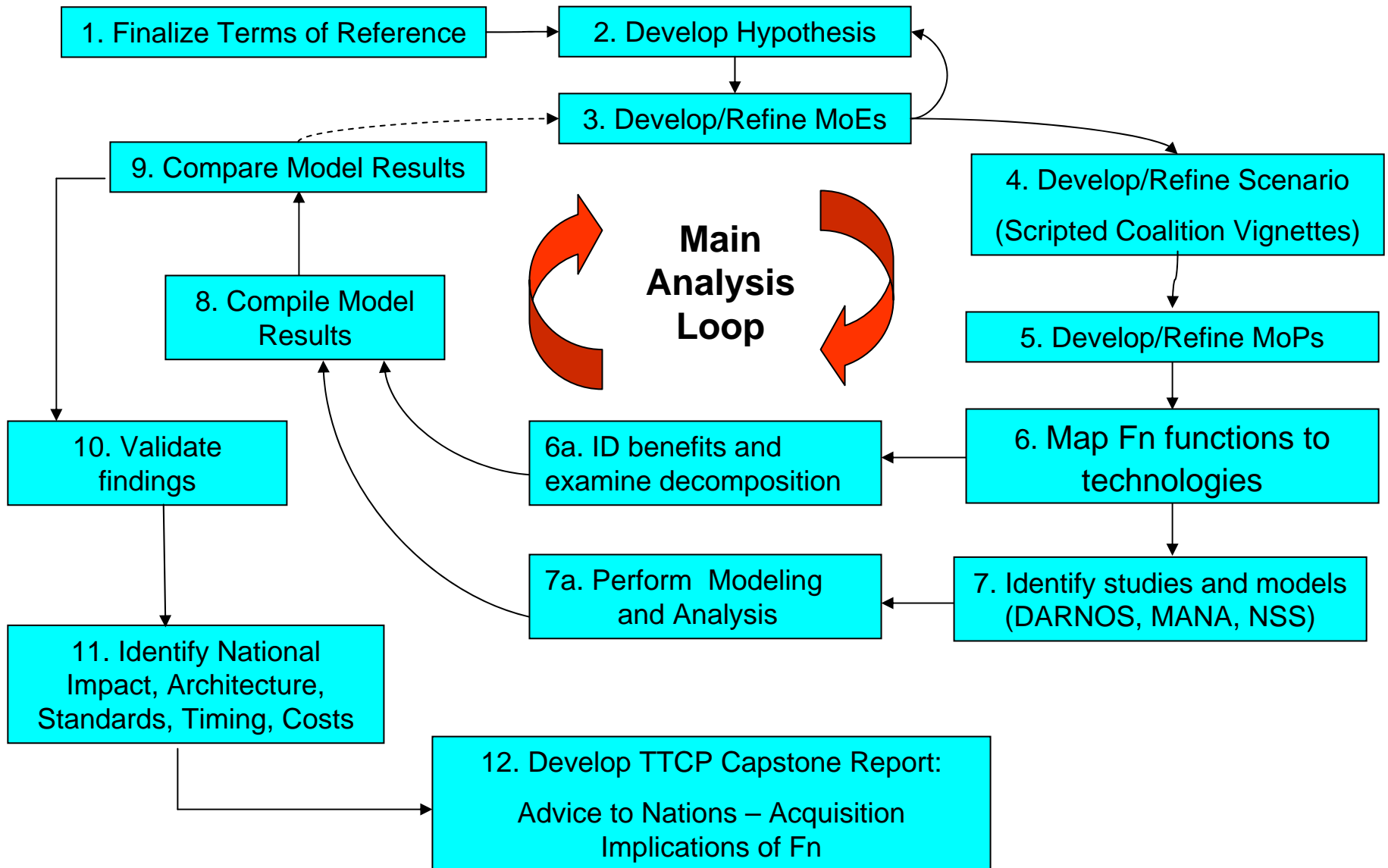
“FORCEnet Implications for Coalitions”

- Group Composition
- Build on AG-1 Work
- Inform National Leadership
- Harmonize National Strategies



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AG-6 Analysis Approach



Capability Stepping Stones to FORCEnet

**Based on Fn
Concept
Document**

Notional USN timeline as of 23 January 2007

Full IT21
"Online"

- IP Reach Back
- Local Area Networks
- Wideband Receive
- RF Management
- Survivable comms

Level 0

Net Connected
"Improved decision making"

- Web-based services
- Improved network reliability and performance
- Increased bandwidth
- Improved coalition operations and data sharing
- Tailorable situational awareness tools
- Standardized data exchange between domains
- Defense in depth

Level 1

Net Enabled
"Network based command and control"

- Multi-path and improved transport reliability
- Dynamic bandwidth mgmt
- Customized applications and data sources
- Common infrastructure and data exchange standards
- Improved data exchange across domains
- Enterprise management for asset analysis and repair
- Initial knowledge management and automated decision aids
- Assured sharing
- Distributed command and control operations
- Modular and open architecture

Level 2

Fully Net Ready
"Decision-making under undesirable conditions"

- Robust, reliable communication to all nodes
- Reliable, accurate and timely information on friendly, environmental, neutral and hostile units
- Storage and retrieval of authoritative data sources
- Robust knowledge management capability with direct access ability to raw data
- User-defined and shareable SA
- Distributed and collaborative command and control
- Automated decision aids to enhance decision making
- Information assurance
- Seamless cross-domain access and data exchange.
- Interoperability across all domains and agencies
- Autonomous and disconnected operations
- Automatic and adaptive diagnostic and repair
- Modular architecture to expedite new capabilities

Level 3

Today

FY07

FY10

FY14

SSC San Diego...on Point and at the Center of C4ISR

AG-6's FORCEnet Capabilities Roadmap

FORCEnet Levels

| System Function | Existing / Future System Stepping Stones | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Level -1 | Level 0 | Level 1 - 2007 | Level 2 - 2010 | Level 3 - 2014 |
| Messaging (text based) | ACP127 | email and webservices | email and webservices | email and webservices // Multi-path and improved transport reliability | email and webservices // Robust, reliable communication to all nodes |
| Messaging (Multimedia / file / other data) | Non IP | email, MS Outlook on some platforms - not on others (eg. Aircraft) | email and webservices, ADNS Incr 2 // Improved network reliability and performance | email and webservices, ADNS Incr 3 (Black Core Routing) // Multi-path and improved transport reliability | email and webservices // Robust, reliable communication to all nodes |
| Voice Comms (Analog/VOIP/Secure) | Tactical Radio (eg. WSC3, ARC210), Secure Phone | Tactical Radio (eg. WSC3, ARC210), Secure Phone | VOIP Incr 1 // Web-based services // Improved coalition operations and data sharing | VOIP Incr 2, JTRS - Joint Tactical Radio System (CAT 4) ARC - Automated Radio Communications (CAT 2) // Multi-path and improved transport reliability // Improved data exchange across domains | VOIP Incr 3 // Robust, reliable communication to all nodes |
| Video/Picture Broadcast/Send - static data or local / ISR Realtime | Local video from Commercial Systems, Digital cameras, military | VTC | | Video over IP | |
| Tactical/Combat/Weapons Systems | Platform Centric (Aegis/GDS/SSDS) | | NCES - Block1, SSDS, GCCS-M 4.x (web enabled services) // Improved coalition operations and data sharing | NCES - Block2 | NCES - Block3 // Reliable, accurate and timely information on friendly, neutral and hostile units and environment |
| Tactical Data Link | Link 11/16 | Link 11/16 | | Link 16/Link 22 | |
| Command Support System | GCCS-M 3.x | GCCS-M 3.x | | Customized applications and data sources // Enterprise management for asset analysis and repair // Distributed command and control operations | Distributed and collaborative command and control // Automatic and adaptive diagnostic and repair |
| Situational Awareness (operating picture compilation) | GCCS-M 3.x | | NCES - Block1, GCCS-M 4.x (web enabled services), JC2 Incr 1, UDOP // Standardized data exchange between domains | NCES - Block2, JC2 Incr 2 // Enterprise management for asset analysis and repair | NCES - Block3, JC2 Incr 3 (DOD wide use of Services Oriented Architecture) // User-defined and shareable SA // Reliable, accurate and timely information on friendly, neutral and hostile units as well as the environment |
| Track DB Services | TDB within GCCS-M, Track DB within systems | | | Customized applications and data sources // Distributed command and control operations | Storage and retrieval of authoritative data sources // Reliable, accurate and timely information on friendly, neutral and hostile units as well as environments |
| Distributed Collaborative Planning Tools | VTC shore based, not on platforms | VTC, Chat, Whiteboard, email, IP WarChat and Sametime | | Video over IP // Customized applications and data sources // Enterprise management for asset analysis and repair | Full Multimedia Telepresence. Reliable, accurate and timely information on friendly, environmental, neutral and hostile units // Storage and retrieval of authoritative data sources // User-defined and shareable SA |
| Decision Aids | Stand alone | Same as Level -1 | | Initial knowledge management and automated decision aids | Automated decision aids to enhance decision making // User-defined and shareable SA |
| Network Classification Security - Coalition / OGD / Multi-level / Caveat / | Not done except by air gap / manual entry | Same as Level -1 | HAIFE // Standardized data exchange between domains // Defense in depth | HAIFE 2.0 (standard for manufacture), Content Based Encryption // Improved data exchange across domains // Assured sharing | CDS (Content Based INFOSEC) Seamless cross-domain access and data exchange // Interoperability across all domains and agencies |

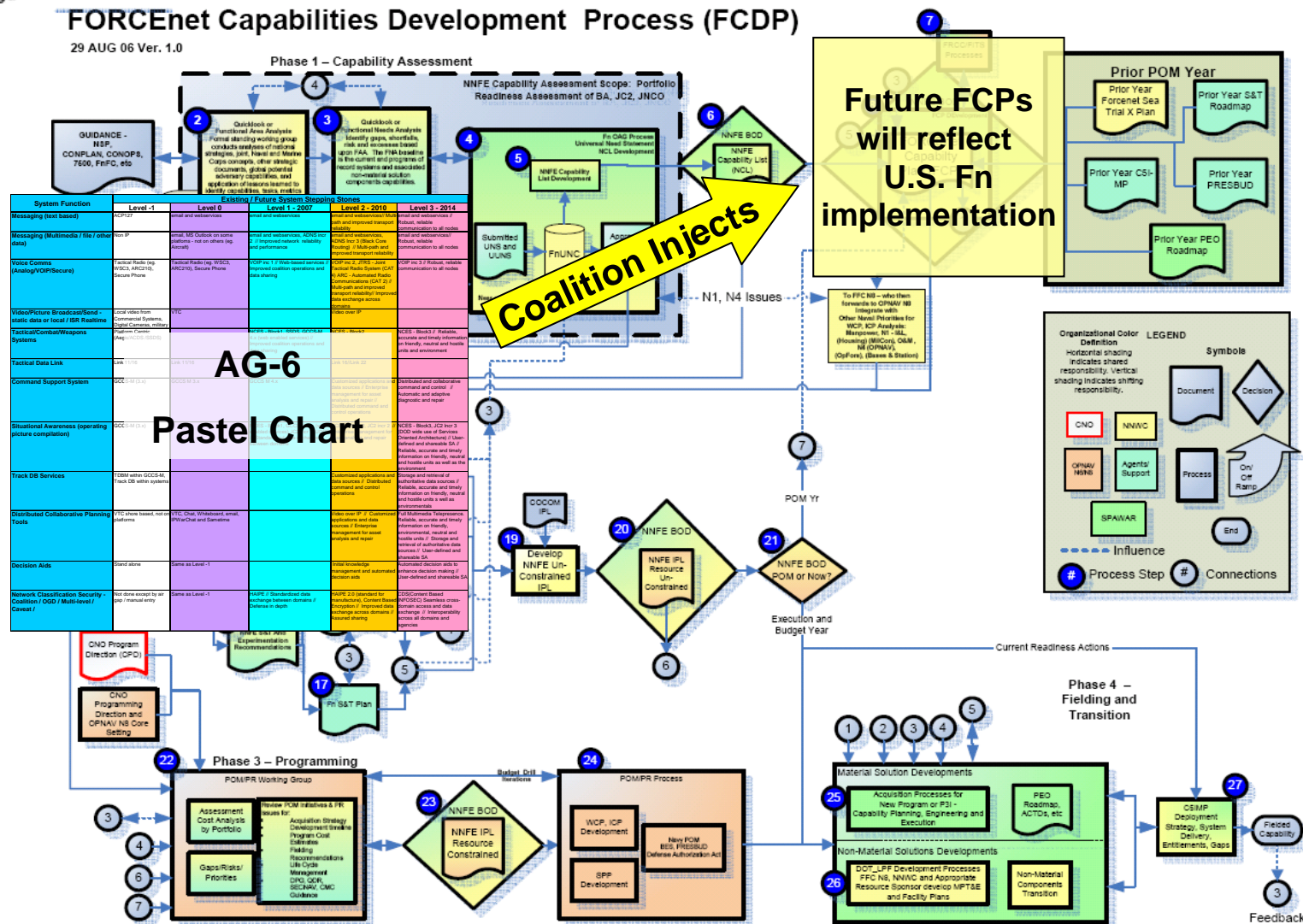
23 Systems Functions

Existing/Future Systems Stepping Stones

FORCEnet Capabilities Development Process

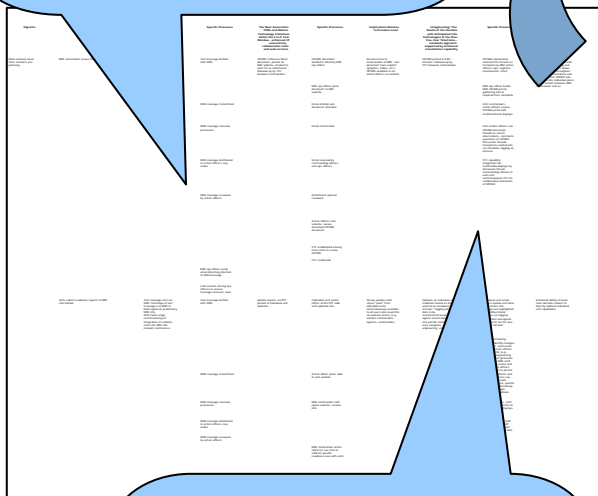
FORCEnet Capabilities Development Process (FCDP)

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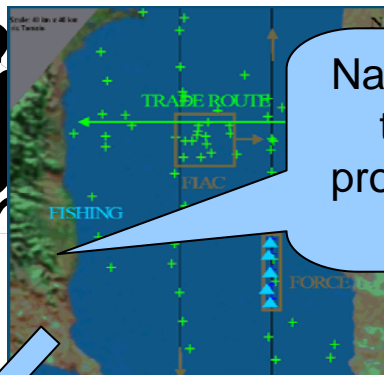


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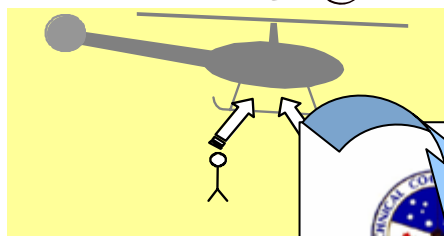
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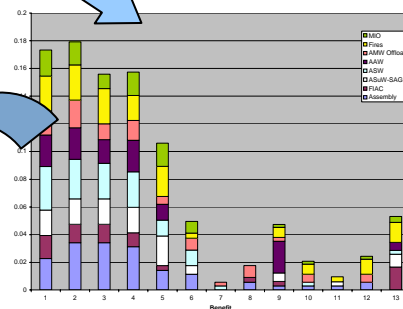
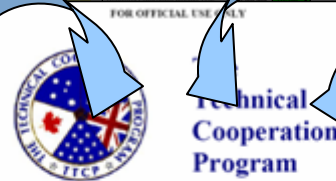
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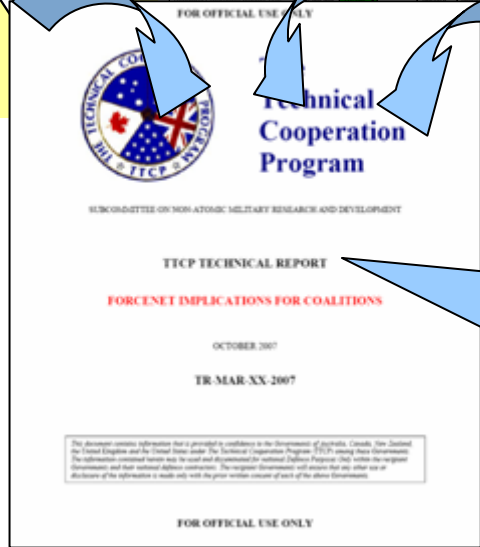
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| System Function | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Threat Detection | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Threat Identification | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Threat Classification | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Threat Tracking | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Threat Prioritization | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Threat Engagement | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Threat Neutralization | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |



...developing
storyboard, Pastel
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AG-6 Measures of Effectiveness

High Level MoE:

MoE1
Mission Success

Contributing Elements and Notes:

Mission Outcome - no loss of major units (HVU) and successful completion of vignette mission

MoE2
Risk

Minimise blue attrition - sum total of unit losses during vignette

MoE3
Economy of Effort

Cost, for fuel and munitions expended in vignette

MoE4
Time to Capability

Time to Capability - gives credit for increased speed of integration of force for mission implied in vignette Limits enemy's ability to generate his own forces.

Validation Alignment: Technology & Operations

